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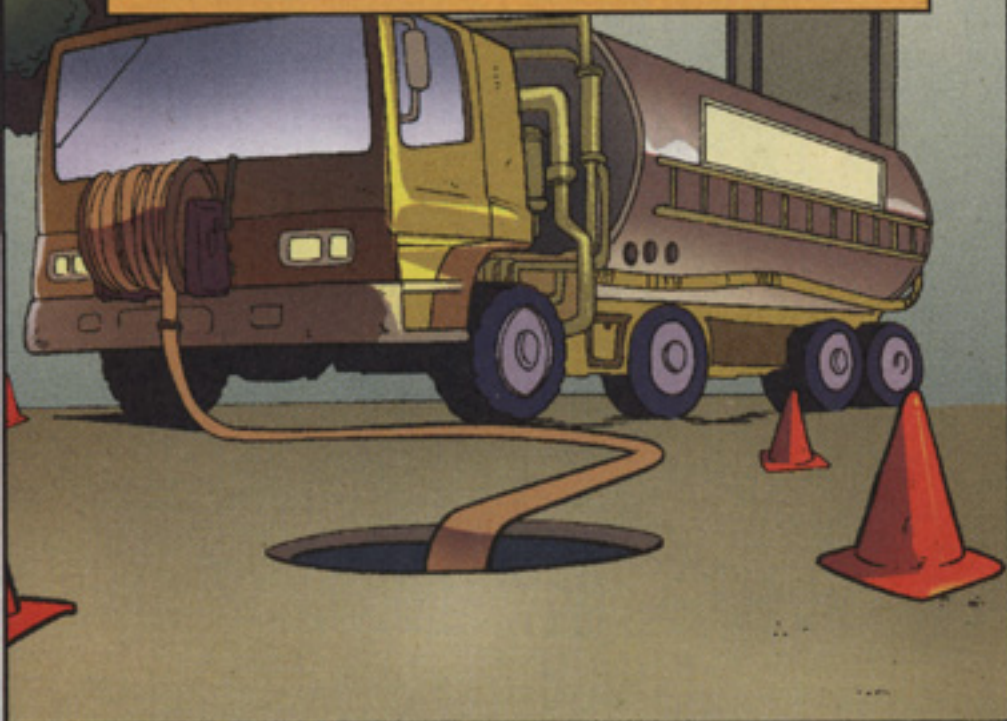
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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

DURING A BATTLE BETWEEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN ON THEIR HOME WORLD, AN EXPLOSION TRANSPORTED SONIC, HIS FRIENDS, AND DR. EGGMAN, ACROSS DIMENSIONS UNTIL THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN STATION SQUARE ON PLANET EARTH.

STATION SQUARE IS A BUSY CITY WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN OFFICES, STORES, SCHOOLS, AND RESTAURANTS EVERY DAY.

AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WORK UNDERGROUND, LIKE THE **SEWER WORKERS** WHO HELP MAKE SURE THAT LIFE GOES ON AS IT SHOULD ABOVE.



YOU THINK WE SHOULD CHECK IT OUT?

NO WAY.

IT'S A DOOR.

YOU DON'T LISTEN TOO GOOD, DO YA, KID?



THIS ROOM ISN'T ON ANY OF THE MAPS I'VE SEEN. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS IN THERE?





WOW! WHAT
DO YOU THINK
ALL THAT
STUFF IS?

DON'T LOOK AT
ME. MY PH.D. IS
IN MEDIEVAL
ENGLISH
LITERATURE,
NOT ALIEN
TECHNOLOGY.



I DON'T
THINK ANYONE'S
BEEN IN HERE
IN YEARS.

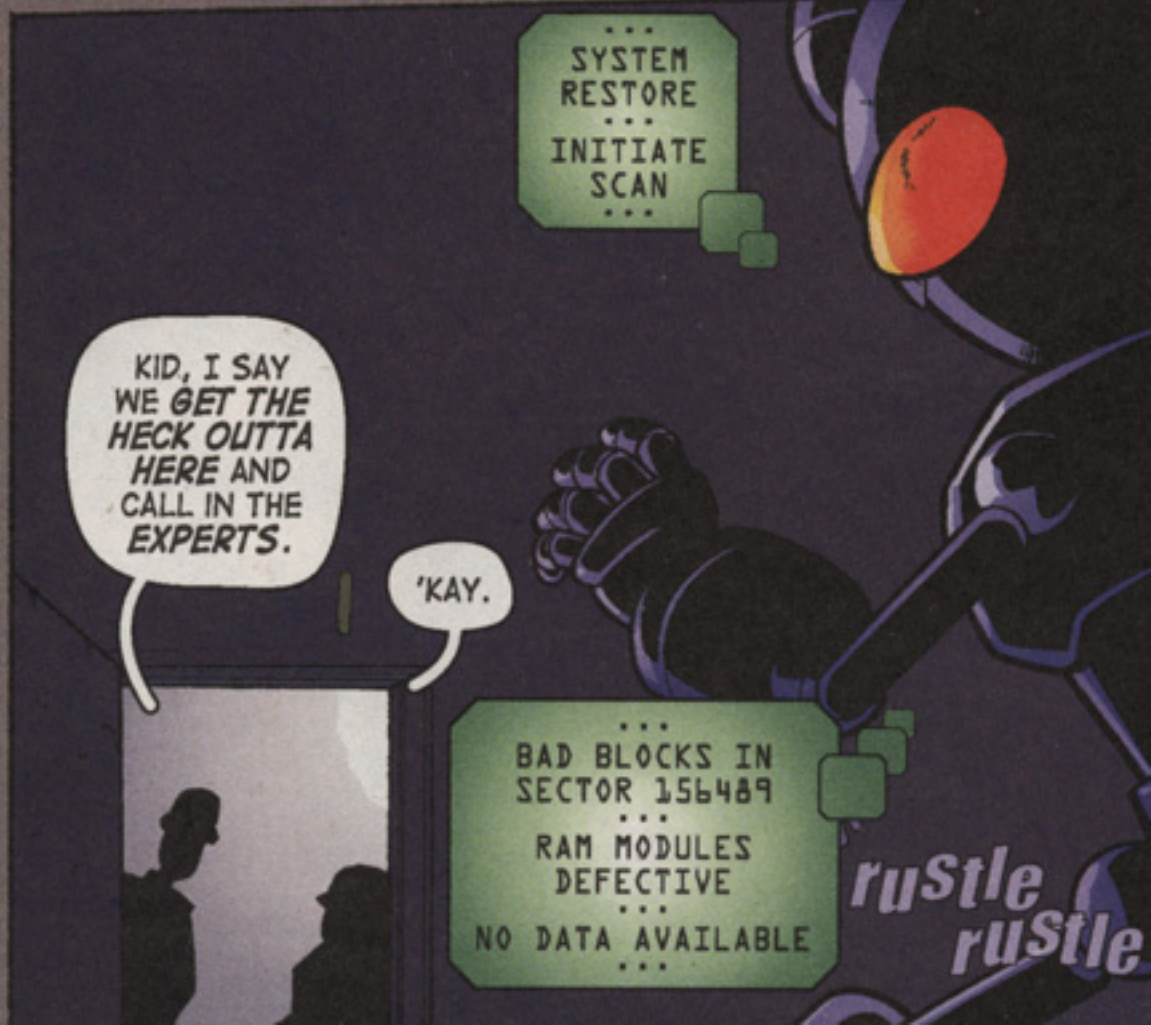
SOMETHIN'
TURNED THE
POWER ON...



*rustle
rustle*

EEEP!
WHAT WAS
THAT?

I DUNNO AND
DON'T WANNA
FIND OUT!



KID, I SAY
WE ~~GET~~ THE
HECK OUTTA
HERE AND
CALL IN THE
EXPERTS.

'KAY.

...
SYSTEM
RESTORE
...
INITIATE
SCAN
...

...
BAD BLOCKS IN
SECTOR 156489
...
RAM MODULES
DEFECTIVE
...
NO DATA AVAILABLE
...

*rustle
rustle*

TAKE THIS JOB AND *SHOVEL IT!*

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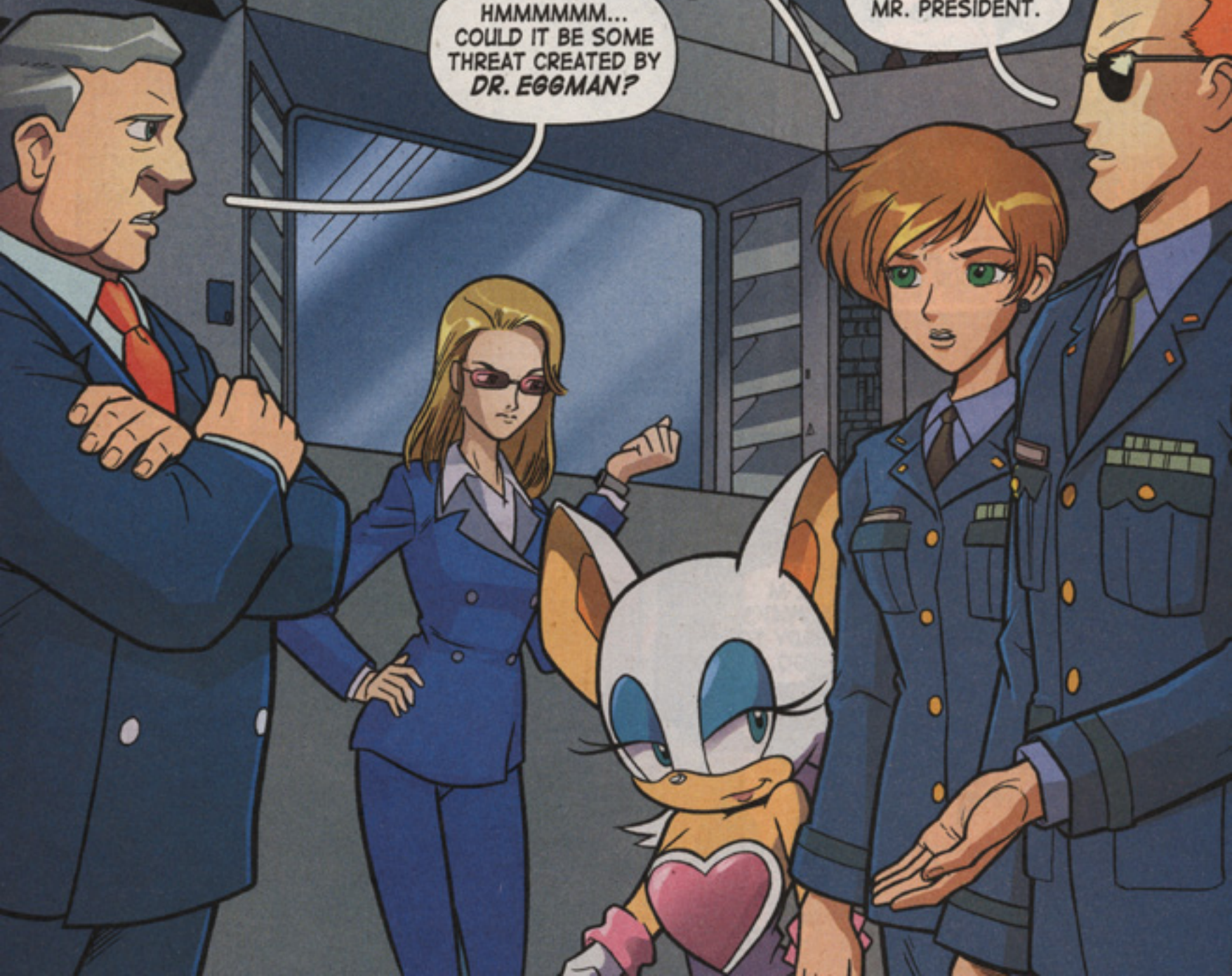
WITHIN HOURS, NEWS OF THE DISCOVERY IN THE STATION SQUARE SEWERS IS REPORTED TO THE *GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS* COMMAND CENTER...

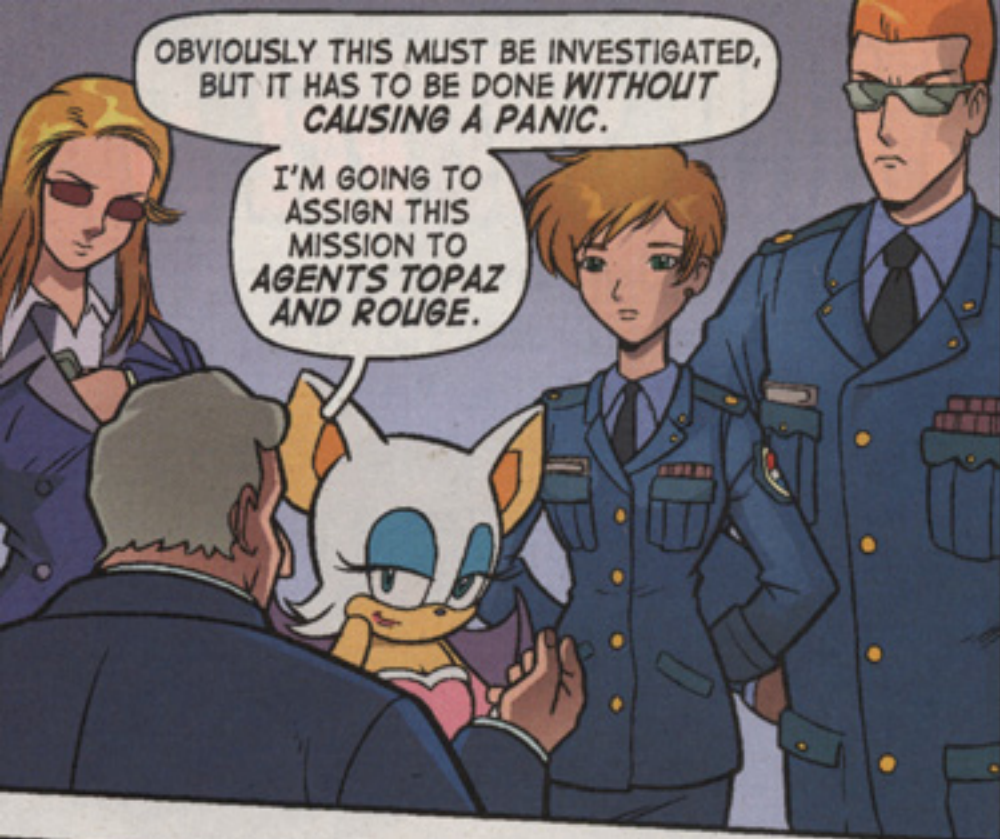
...AND THE *PRESIDENT* IS CALLED IN FOR A BRIEFING.

INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY IS NOT LIKE ANYTHING ELSE ON EARTH.

HMMMMMM... COULD IT BE SOME THREAT CREATED BY *DR. EGGMAN*?

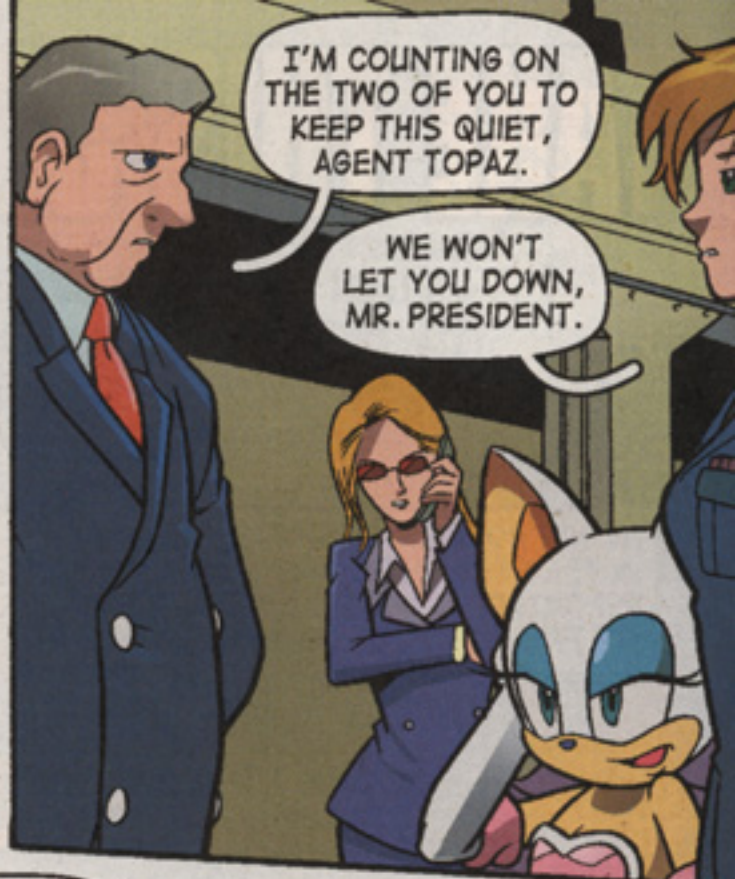
UNTIL WE GET A TEAM IN THERE FOR A DETAILED ANALYSIS, WE CAN'T BE SURE, MR. PRESIDENT.





OBVIOUSLY THIS MUST BE INVESTIGATED, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE *WITHOUT* CAUSING A PANIC.

I'M GOING TO ASSIGN THIS MISSION TO AGENTS TOPAZ AND ROUGE.



I'M COUNTING ON THE TWO OF YOU TO KEEP THIS QUIET, AGENT TOPAZ.

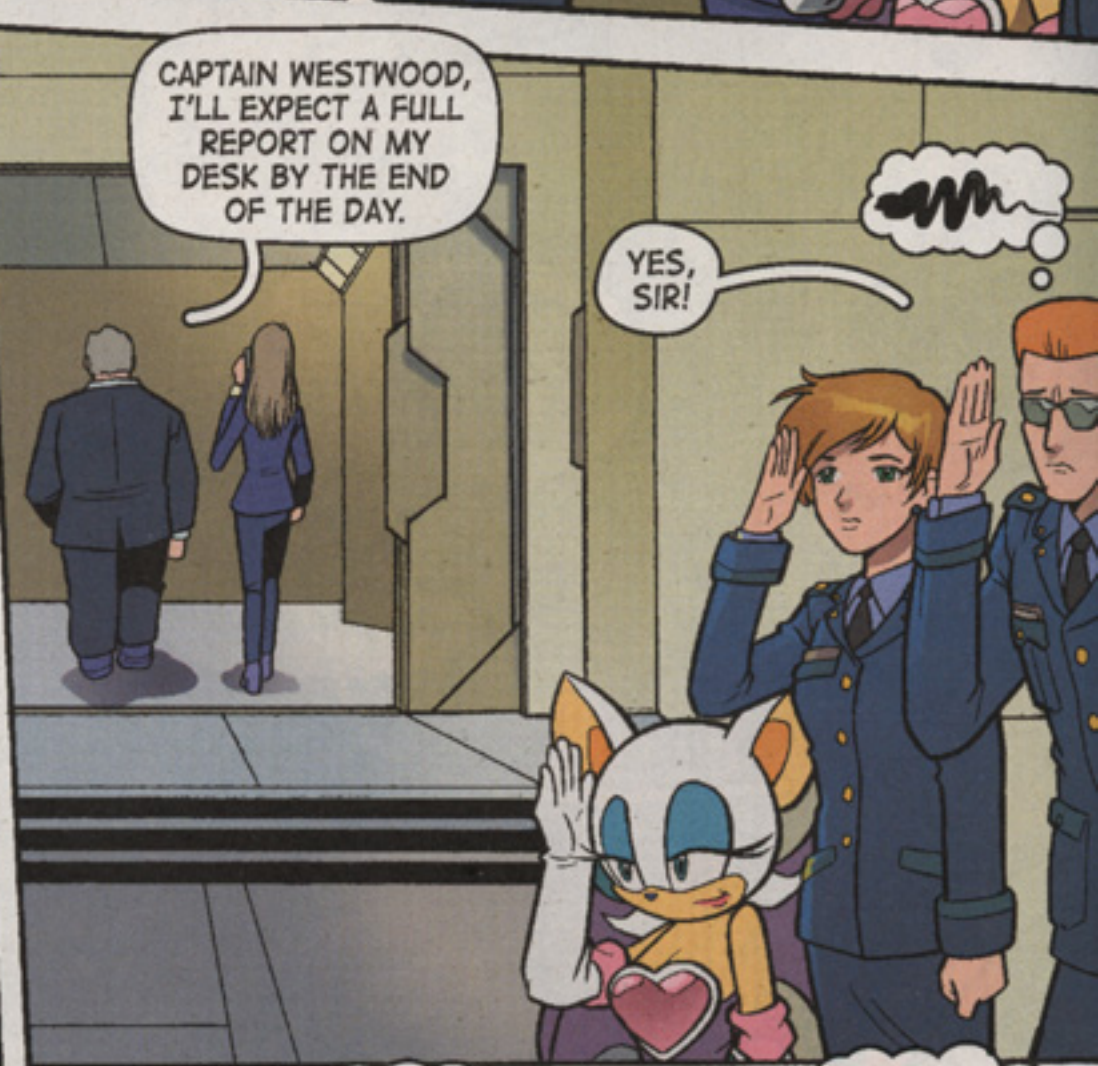
WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN, MR. PRESIDENT.



BUT...!

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE LATE FOR YOUR CABINET MEETING. WE REALLY HAVE TO GO NOW.

LET THEM KNOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY.



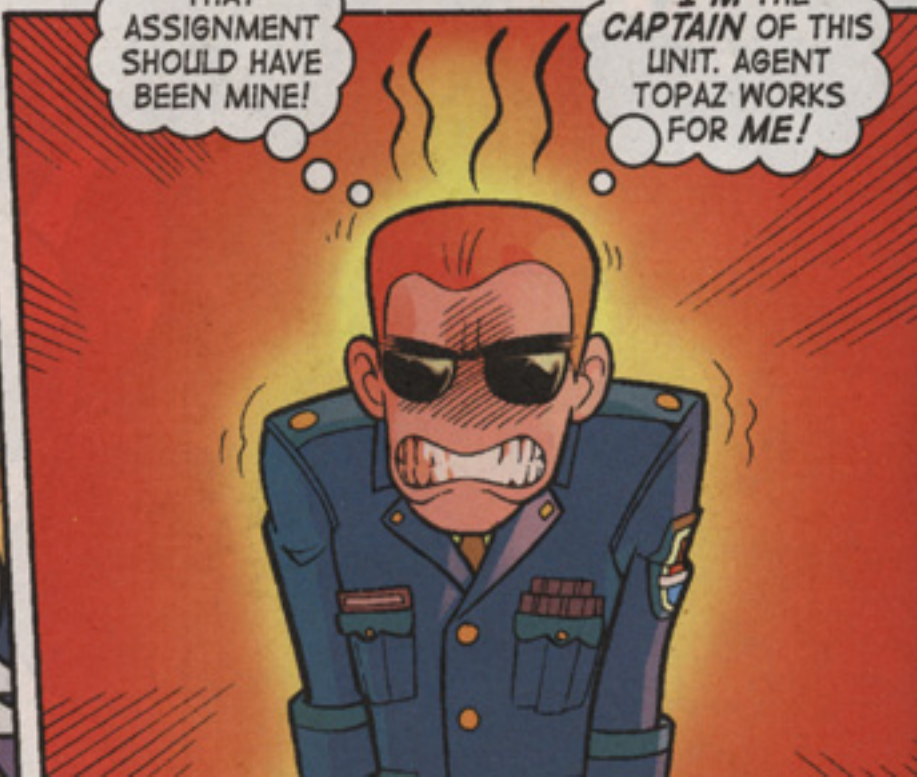
CAPTAIN WESTWOOD, I'LL EXPECT A FULL REPORT ON MY DESK BY THE END OF THE DAY.

YES, SIR!



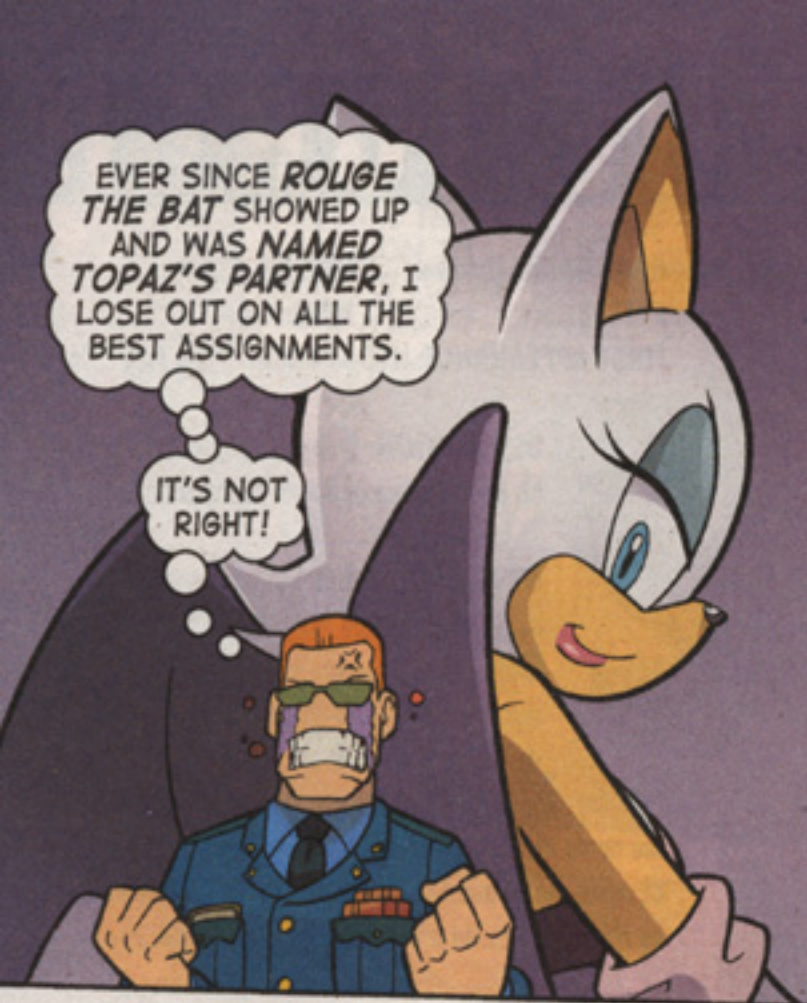
MEET ME IN FIVE MINUTES AT THE HELIPORT. I HAVE TO PUT TOGETHER A MISSION KIT.

I'M ALWAYS READY TO GO.



THAT ASSIGNMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINE!

I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THIS UNIT. AGENT TOPAZ WORKS FOR ME!



EVER SINCE **ROUGE THE BAT** SHOWED UP AND WAS NAMED **TOPAZ'S PARTNER**, I LOSE OUT ON ALL THE BEST ASSIGNMENTS.

IT'S NOT RIGHT!



IF I HAD A TALKING ANIMAL FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION AS MY PARTNER, MAYBE I'D GET THE EXCITING MISSIONS.



THAT'S IT! IF I CAN GET **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** TO BE MY PARTNER, WE COULD LEAVE **TOPAZ** AND **ROUGE** IN THE DUST.

BUT HOW DO I CONVINCE HIM TO COME WORK FOR THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS?



CAPTAIN, WE JUST RECEIVED THIS REPORT ABOUT AN UNIDENTIFIED

OBJECT BURIED IN THE DESERT OUTSIDE OF STATION SQUARE.

SHOULD WE ALERT THE PRESIDENT?



GIVE ME THAT!

EEP!



THIS IS JUST WHAT I NEED TO GET **SONIC** TO WORK FOR ME!



AGENT CHEUNG, YOU ARE TO TELL NO ONE OF THIS REPORT.

I'M GOING TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION PERSONALLY.

SIR, YES, SIR!

LATER THAT MORNING, AT THE SPRAWLING MANSION THAT IS HOME TO YOUNG CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE...

THIS WILL BE YOUR BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER, MASTER CHRIS. JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE.

RING! RING! RING!

HELLO?

I'M GOING TO BAKE YOU THE **BIGGEST BIRTHDAY CAKE** YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

THANK YOU, ELLA!

I SEE.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MY MOM AND DAD AT THE PARTY TONIGHT.

I'M SORRY, CHRIS. THAT WAS YOUR MOTHER. SHE AND YOUR FATHER ARE STILL IN **PARIS** GETTING READY FOR THE **WORLD'S FAIR**.

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK FOR YOUR PARTY.

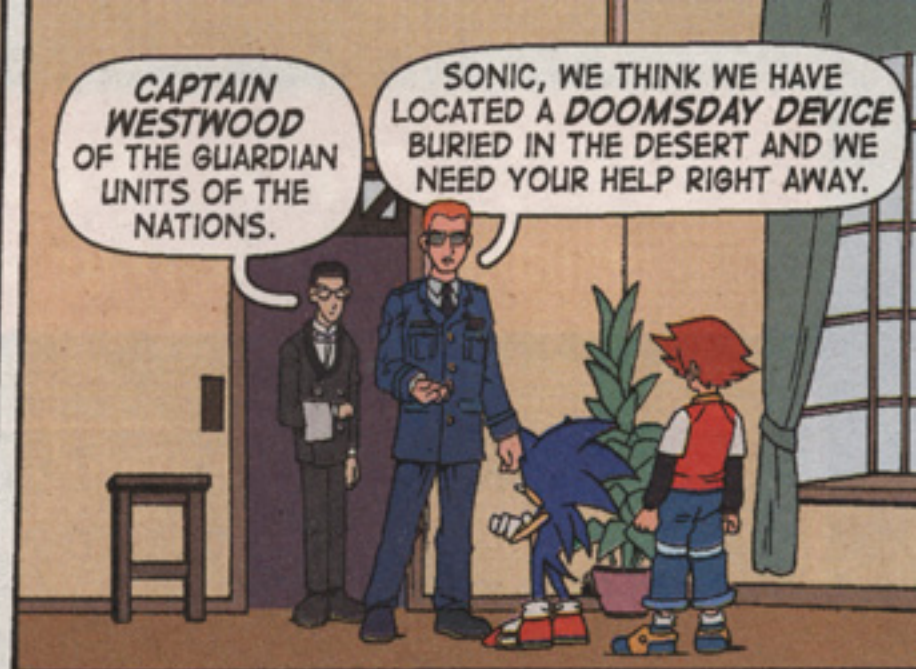
I'M LUCKY TO HAVE FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

DING! DONG!



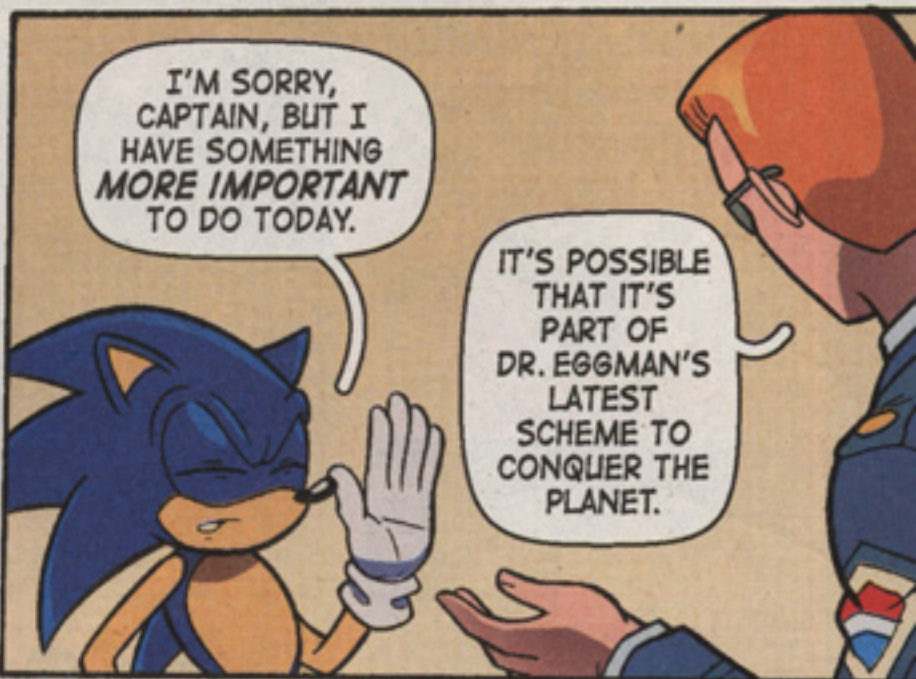
A THOUSAND
PARDONS,
MASTER CHRIS,
BUT THERE IS
SOMEONE HERE
TO SEE MASTER
SONIC.

ME?



CAPTAIN
WESTWOOD
OF THE GUARDIAN
UNITS OF THE
NATIONS.

SONIC, WE THINK WE HAVE
LOCATED A **DOOMSDAY DEVICE**
BURIED IN THE DESERT AND WE
NEED YOUR HELP RIGHT AWAY.



I'M SORRY,
CAPTAIN, BUT I
HAVE SOMETHING
MORE IMPORTANT
TO DO TODAY.

IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT IT'S
PART OF
DR. EGGMAN'S
LATEST
SCHEME TO
CONQUER THE
PLANET.



SONIC, THE
**PRESIDENT
HIMSELF**
ASKED ME TO
ENLIST YOUR
AID.



SONIC, YOU
HAVE TO GO
IF THE
PRESIDENT
ASKS.



WHAT
ABOUT
**YOUR
PARTY,**
BUDDY?

THERE WILL
BE **OTHER**
PARTIES.

YOU'VE
GOTTA GO
WITH THE
CAPTAIN.

ELSEWHERE IN
STATION SQUARE...

HI, WE'RE FROM THE
GOVERNMENT. WE'RE
HERE TO *HELP*.

YEAH. THOSE
COVERALLS *DON'T*
FLATTER YOUR
FIGURE AT ALL.

HAS ANYONE
ELSE BEEN DOWN
THERE SINCE YOU
FOUND THE
CHAMBER?

NO ONE'S GONE
IN OR COME OUT
SINCE WE MADE
THE CALL.

RADIO US IF
THERE'S ANY
SIGN OF
EGGMAN.

AND HAVE
BARRELS OF
CHANEL
PERFUMES
NUMBERS
FIVE, SIX,
AND SEVEN
WAITING FOR
US WHEN WE
RETURN.

THERE ARE
MORE
FEMININE
PLACES WE
GIRLS COULD
HANG OUT.

THIS
MUST
BE THE
PLACE.

...
SYSTEMS
ONLINE
...
NEW INPUT
...
CALCULATING
DANGER
PROBABILITIES
...

DOES ANY OF
THIS LOOK LIKE
ANYTHING
YOU'VE SEEN
EGGMAN USE?



IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE EQUIPMENT EGGMAN WOULD BUILD, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT IT...

...LIKE THE TECHNOLOGY IS DECADES OLDER THAN WHAT HE WOULD USUALLY EMPLOY.



THIS LOOKS LIKE A COMPUTER. LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT.

... MAYBE THEY CAN ACCESS THE MAINFRAME ...

click click click click click click



I CAN'T GET PAST THE PASSWORD.

click click click click click click click click click click click click click click click



SOMEONE HAS BEEN IN HERE RECENTLY, AND HE HAS SMALLER FEET THAN YOU.

(WHICH ISN'T SAYING MUCH. MOST PEOPLE DO.)

HEY!

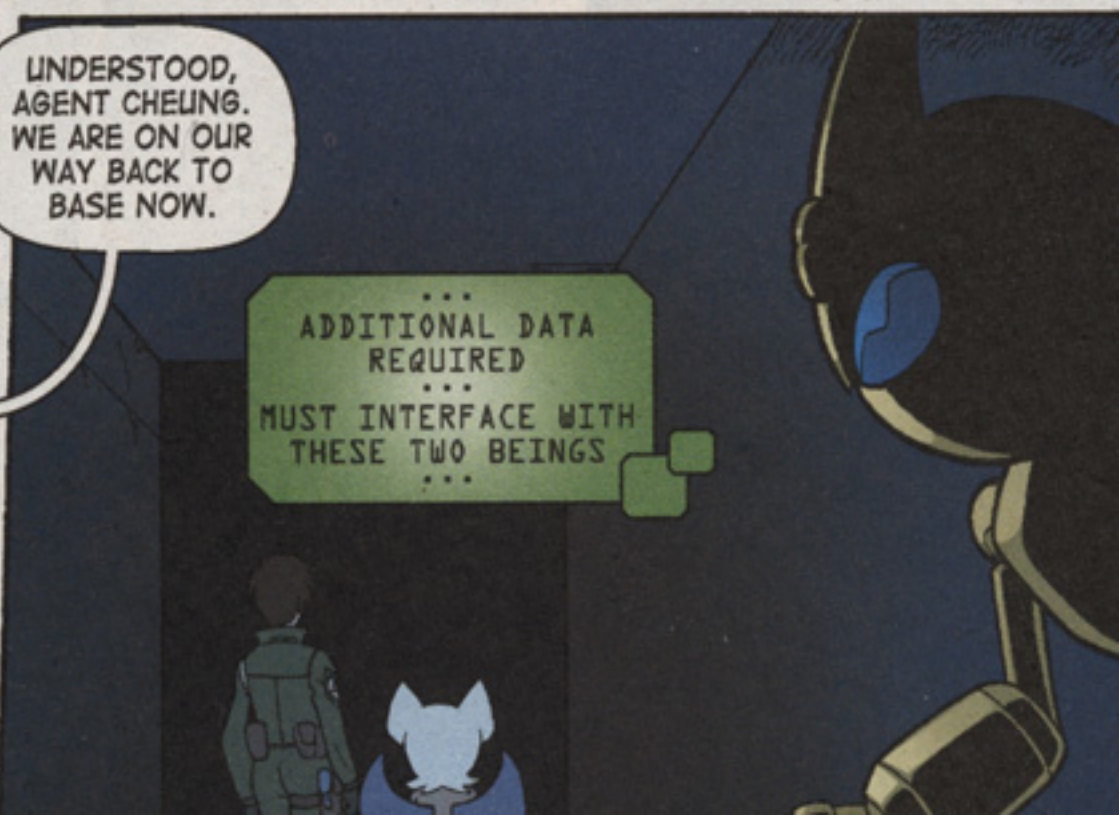
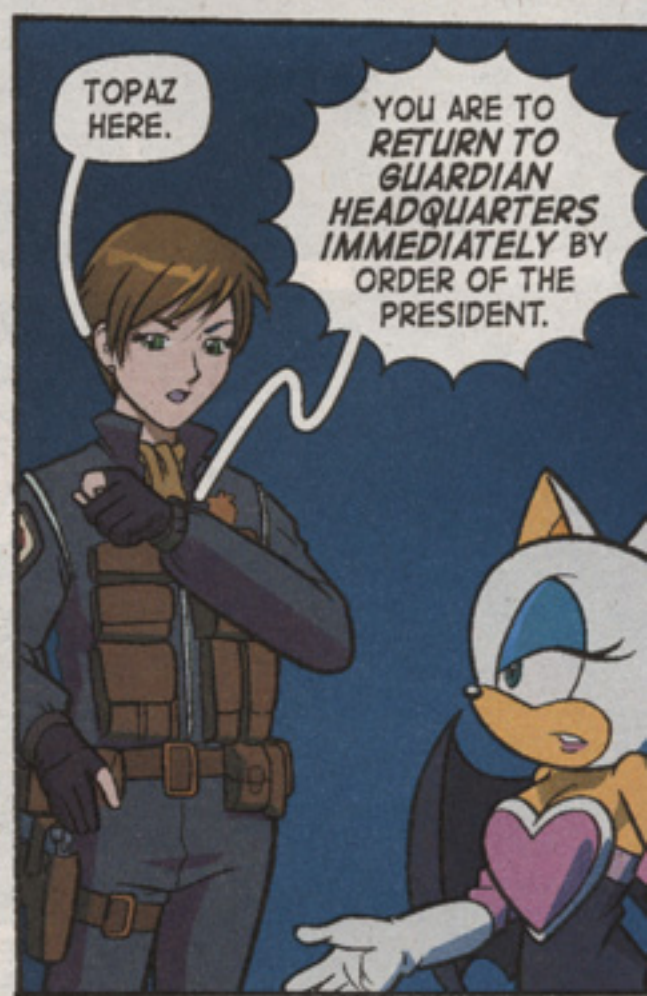
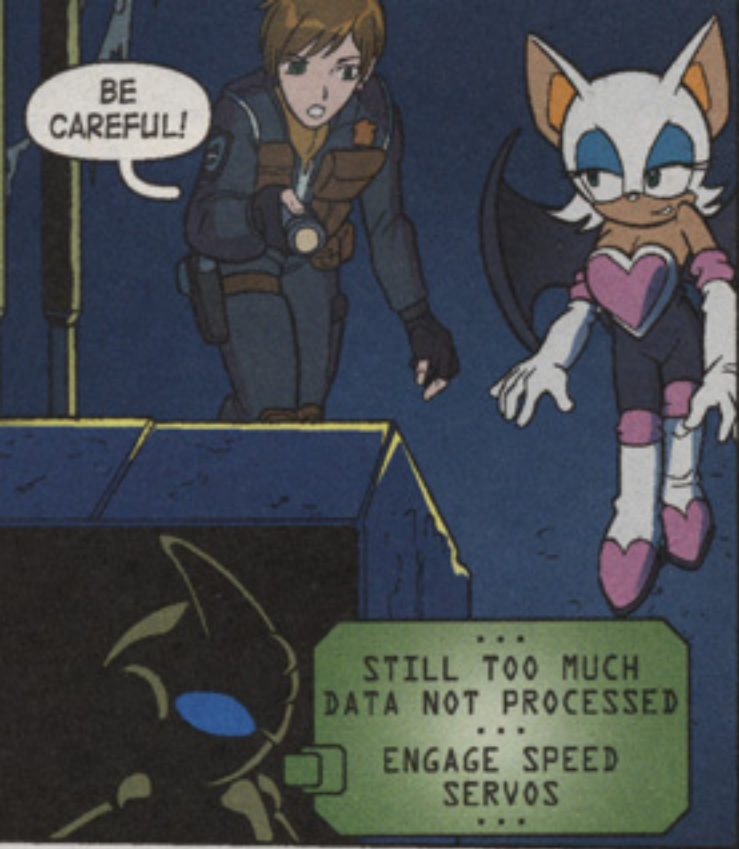


THESE ARE DEFINITELY FRESH PRINTS. THEY STARTED FROM INSIDE THIS POD...



...AND THEY LEAD OVER THERE.

... CAN'T LET THEM FIND ME UNTIL I KNOW MORE ...



MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN WESTWOOD AND SONIC ARRIVE AT THE COORDINATES OF THE UNIDENTIFIED BURIED OBJECT.

WE PLACE THE ARTIFACT AT ABOUT **ONE HUNDRED FEET BELOW GROUND LEVEL.**

THANK YOU, AGENT DEVINE. YOU AND YOUR TEAM CAN LEAVE. SONIC AND I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

HERE, YOU'LL NEED **THIS.**

WHY DID YOU SEND THE OTHERS AWAY? THEY COULD HAVE HELPED.

THE PRESIDENT ORDERED US TO CARRY OUT THE EXCAVATION IN **SECRET.**

BESIDES, WITH YOUR **STRENGTH AND SPEED**, THIS SHOULD TAKE YOU **NO TIME AT ALL**, RIGHT?

OR WERE THE PRESIDENT AND I **WRONG** ABOUT YOU?

NO PROBLEM. THIS WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE.



SO WHY DOES A **SMART, TALENTED, AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING** HEDGEHOG SPEND TIME WITH A **WHINY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID?**

YOU MEAN **CHRIS?** HE'S A **GOOD KID.** HE GAVE ME AND MY FRIENDS A PLACE TO LIVE WHEN WE ARRIVED HERE.



HE GETS YOU INTO A LOT OF **SCRAPES.**

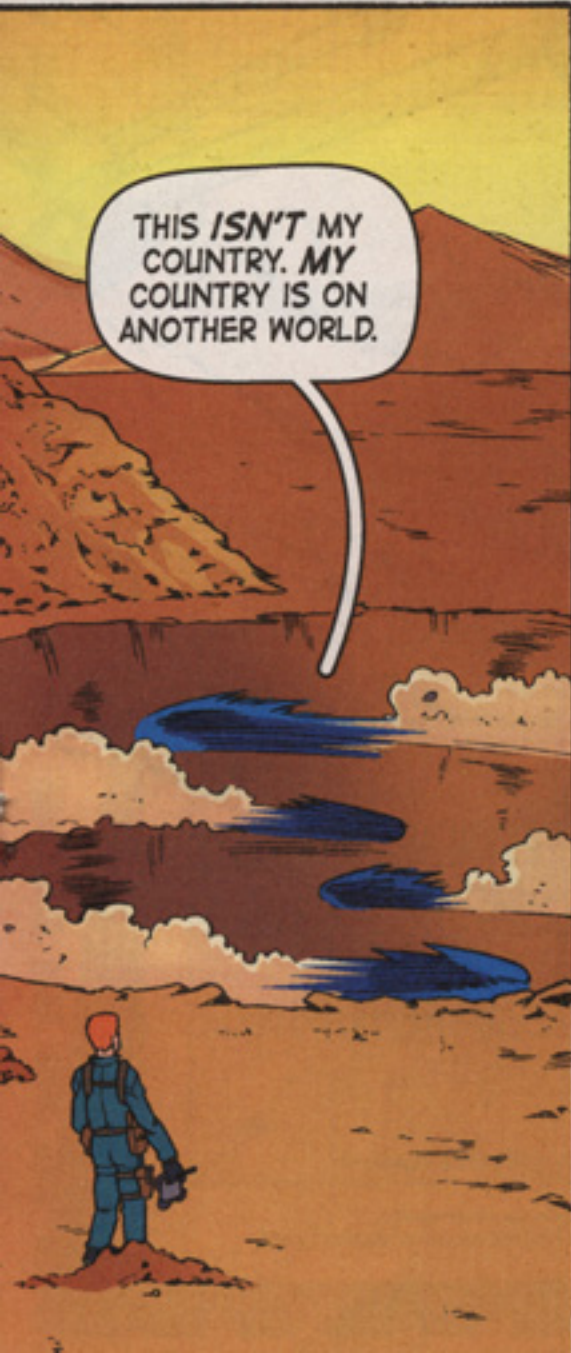
HE'S **YOUNG.** HE MAKES MISTAKES, BUT IN THE END, HE **ALWAYS COMES THROUGH.**

BESIDES, I **LIKE** SCRAPES. THEY'RE **FUN.**



YOUR **COUNTRY** NEEDS YOU. YOU SHOULD COME WORK FOR ME...

I MEAN **US—** THE PRESIDENT AND ME.



THIS **ISN'T** MY COUNTRY. MY COUNTRY IS ON ANOTHER WORLD.



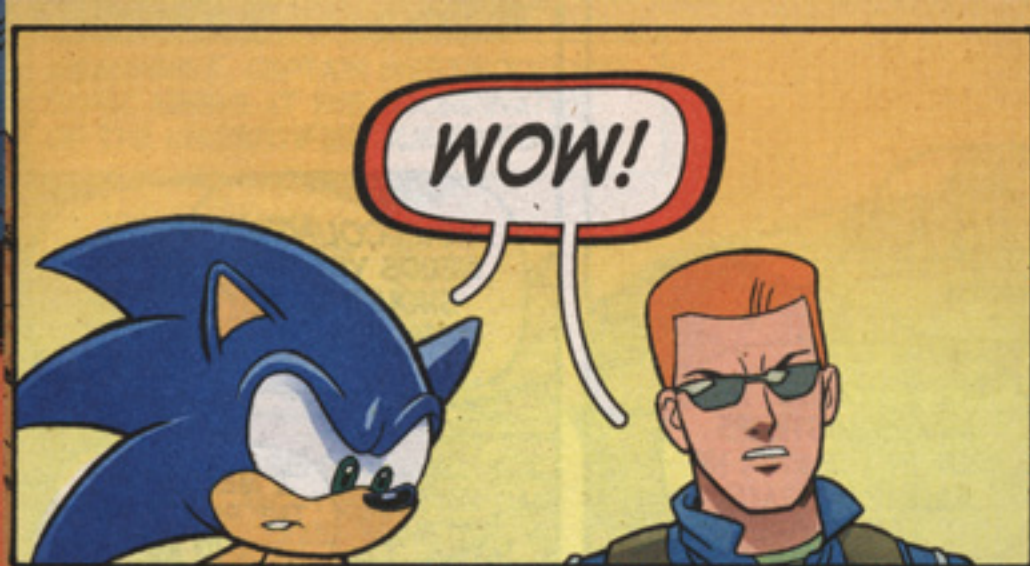
BUT I DON'T MIND HELPING YOU OUT ONCE IN A WHILE.



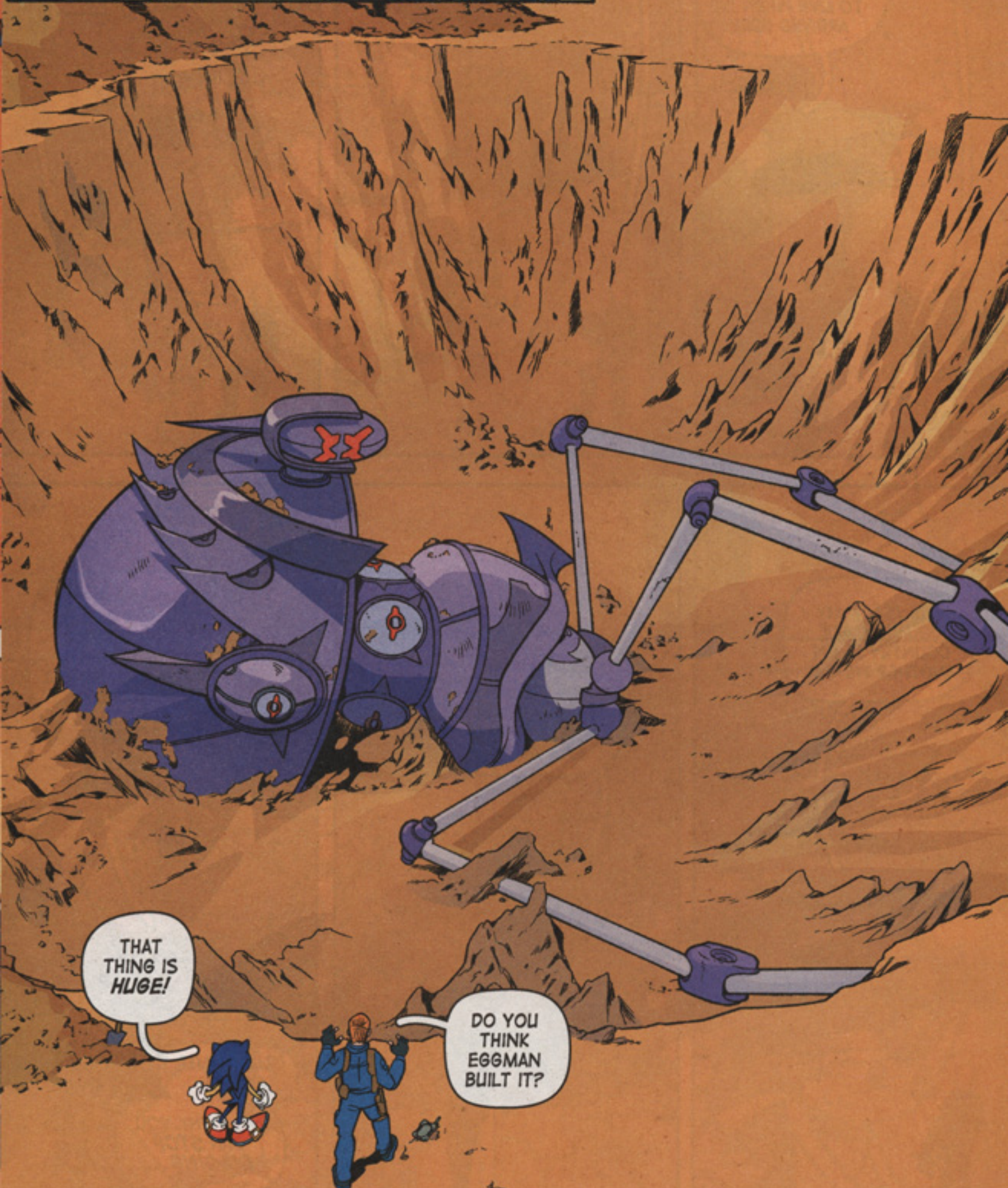
IN THE MEANTIME, I'M **NOT** GOING TO **ABANDON CHRIS** WITH HIS PARENTS ALWAYS AWAY WORKING.

UMMMMMMM, SONIC—

—I THINK YOU CAN **STOP DIGGING...**



WOW!



THAT
THING IS
HUGE!

DO YOU
THINK
EGGMAN
BUILT IT?

BACK IN STATION SQUARE, TOPAZ AND ROUGE PREPARE TO HEAD BACK TO GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS.

YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS IN OR OUT OF THAT ROOM.

WEE, MADAM-WA-SELL. ZE SEWAIR WEELL BE PROTECTED AT ALL TIMEZ.

THAT'S AN INTERESTING ACCENT, OFFICER ALBRIGHT. ARE YOU FROM AROUND HERE?

MAY, WEE. I WASS BORN ANT RAIZED RIGHT 'ERE IN STACION SQUARE.

...
THOSE TWO WOMEN ARE THE MOST INTELLIGENT BEINGS I'VE ENCOUNTERED SINCE I CAME ONLINE
...

I AM BUT PREPARING FOR MY DAYBOO AS NAZEN DUHTROIT IN "GUYZ ANT DOLLZ" TONIGHT.

REMIND ME NEVER TO ATTEND THE THEATER IN THIS TOWN.

HEY! DID YOU FEEL THAT BREEZE AGAIN?

...
CAN'T LET THEM OUT OF MY SIGHT UNTIL MEMORY MODULES ARE COMPLETELY RESTORED
...

PREPARE FOR LIFT OFF. NEXT STOP, GUARDIANS H.Q.

MEANWHILE, BACK
IN THE DESERT...

THAT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
ANYTHING
EGGMAN EVER
CAME UP WITH.

THAT MEANS
IT COULD BE
ALIEN IN
ORIGIN!

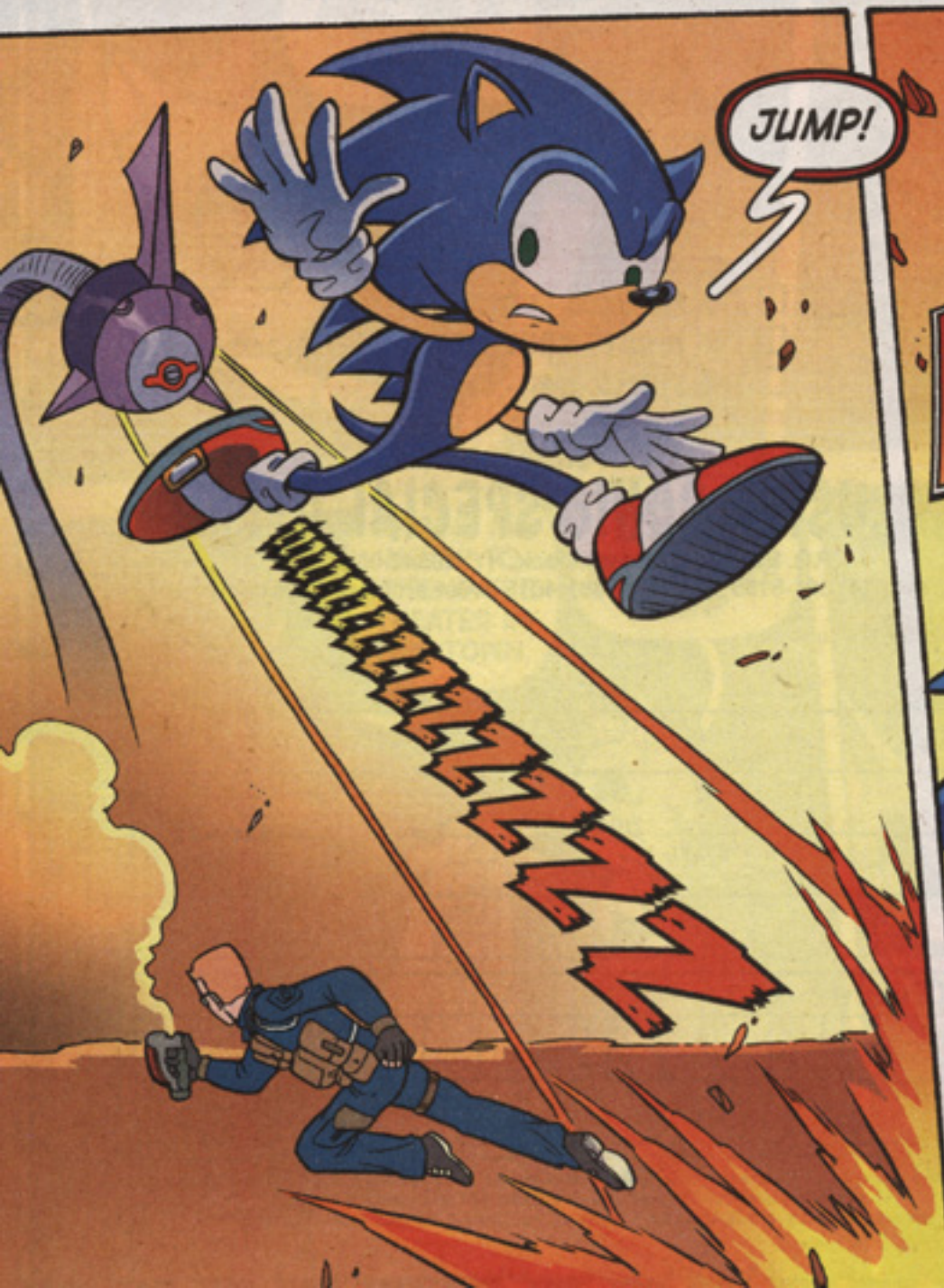
WHAT
WE'VE FOUND
COULD PUT
ME ON THE
MAP!



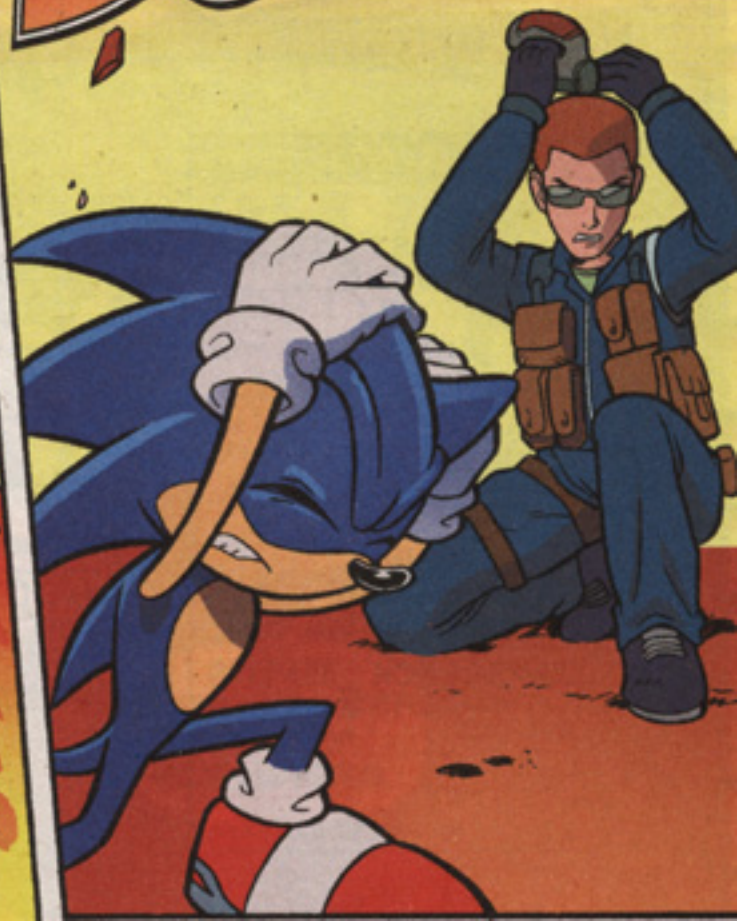
I DON'T
THINK IT
WANTED TO
BE FOUND!



JUMP!



BOOM!



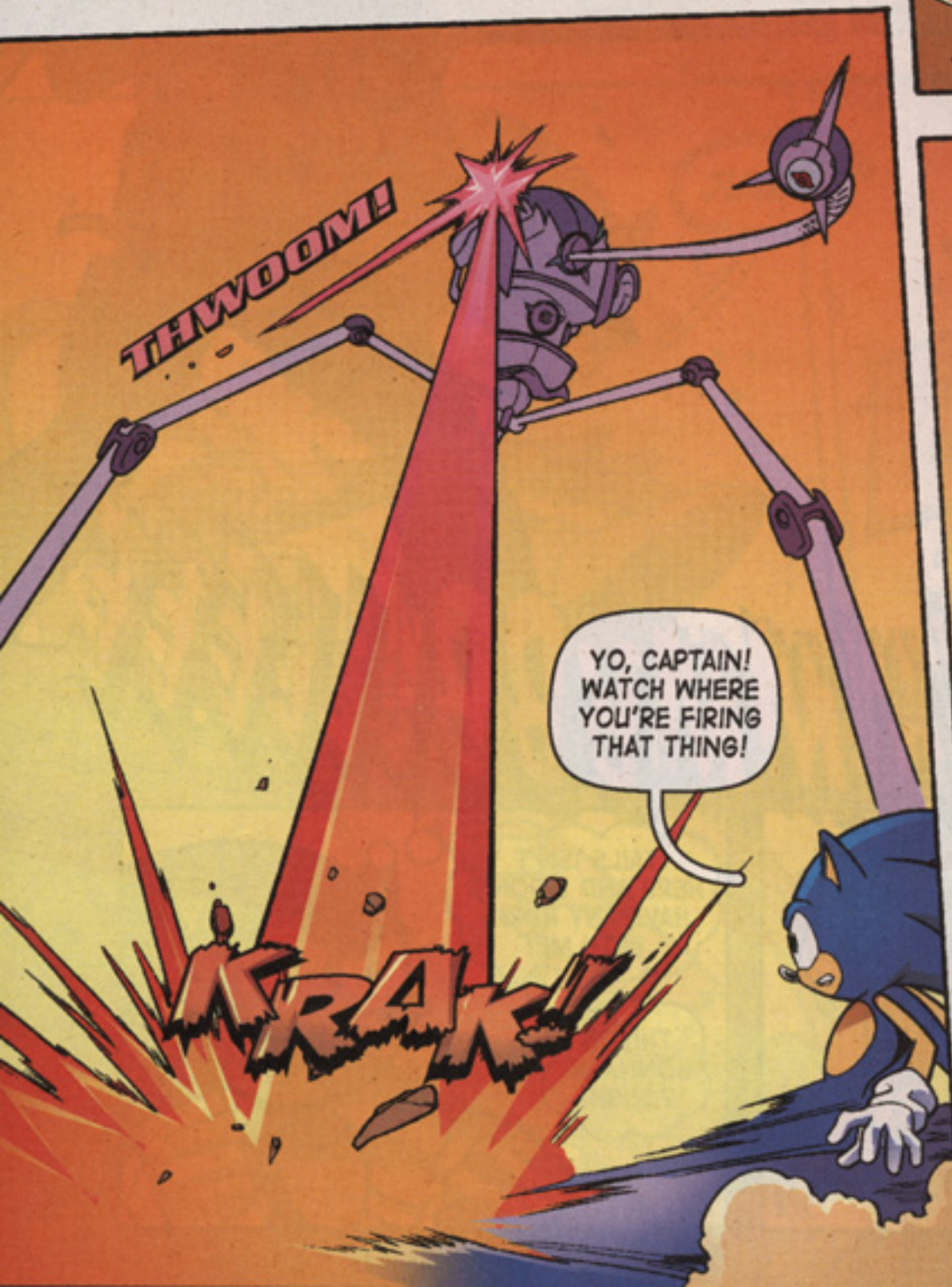
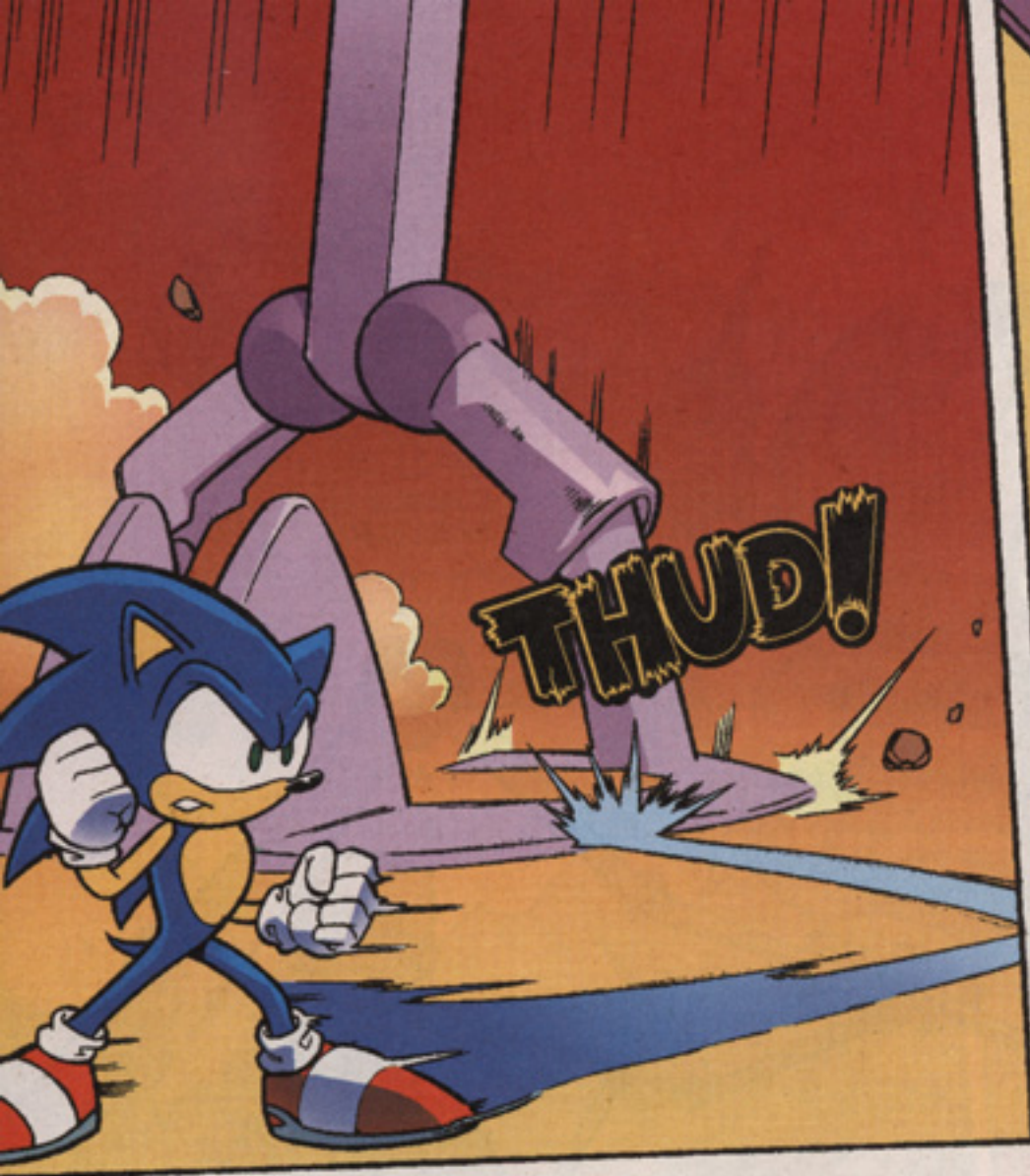


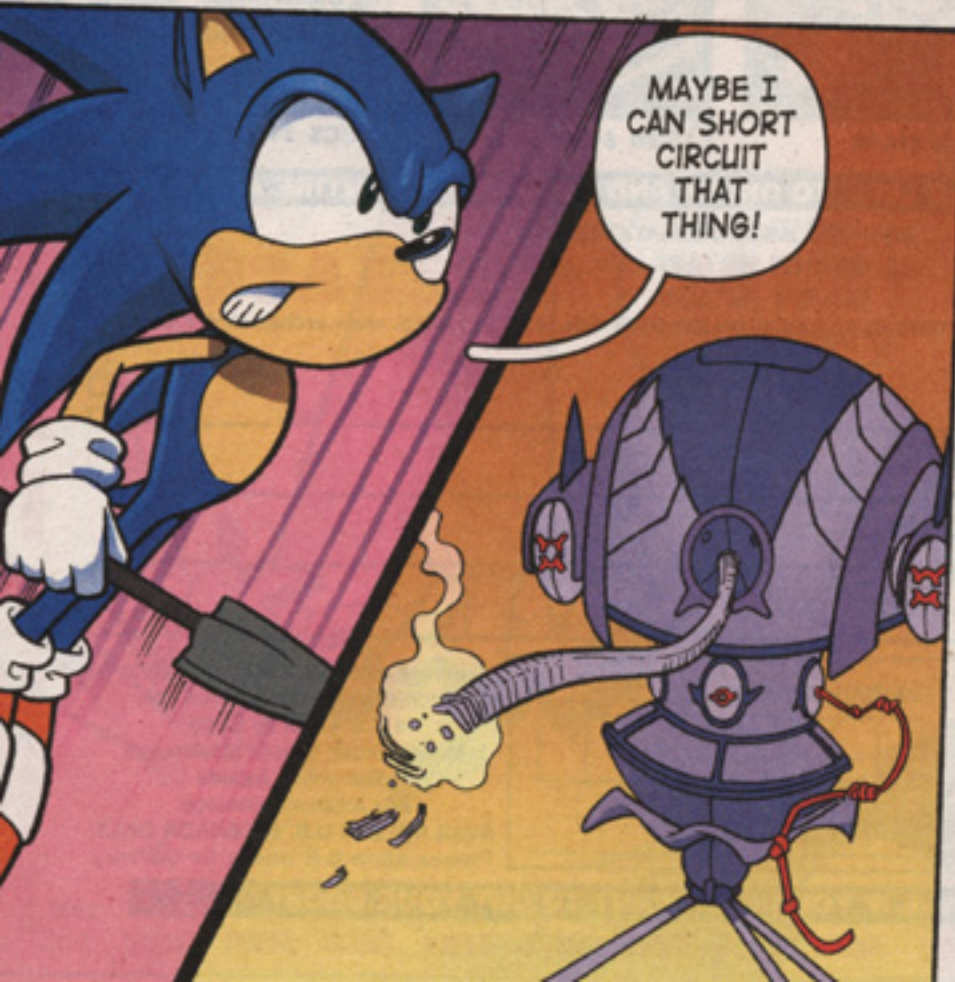
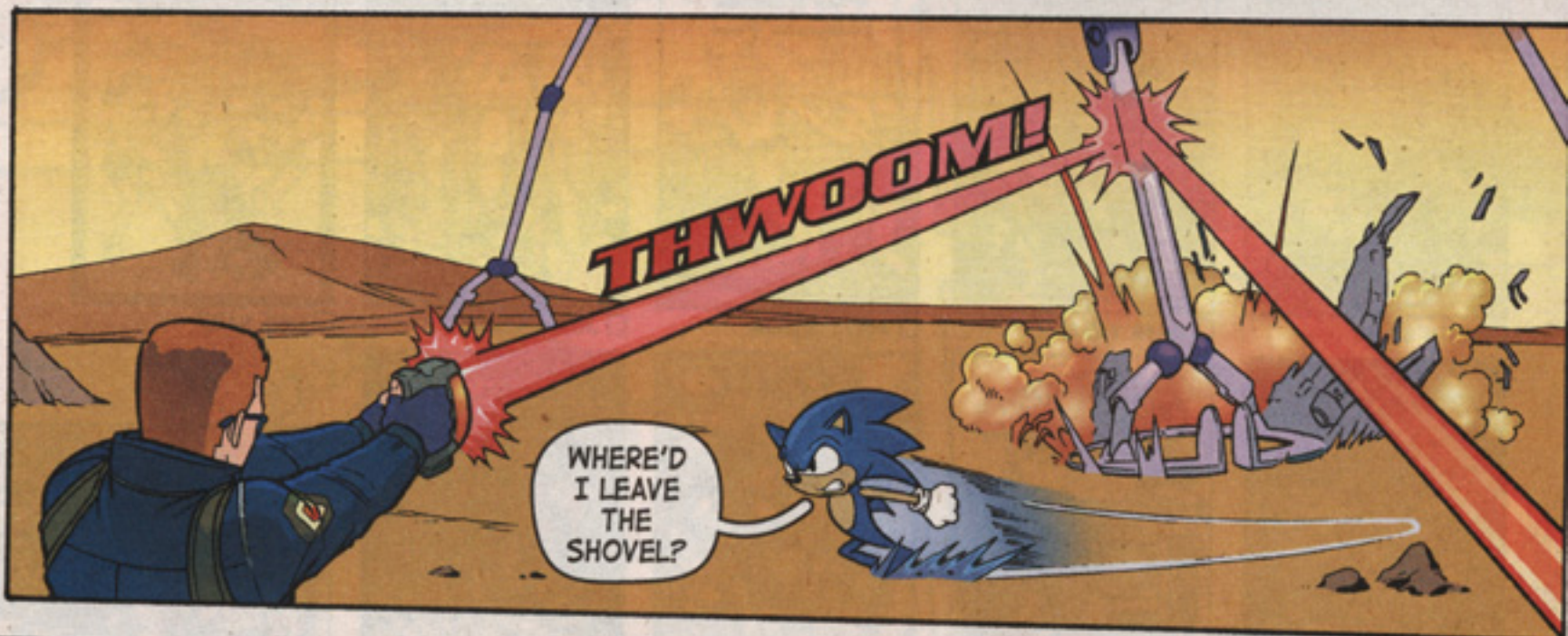
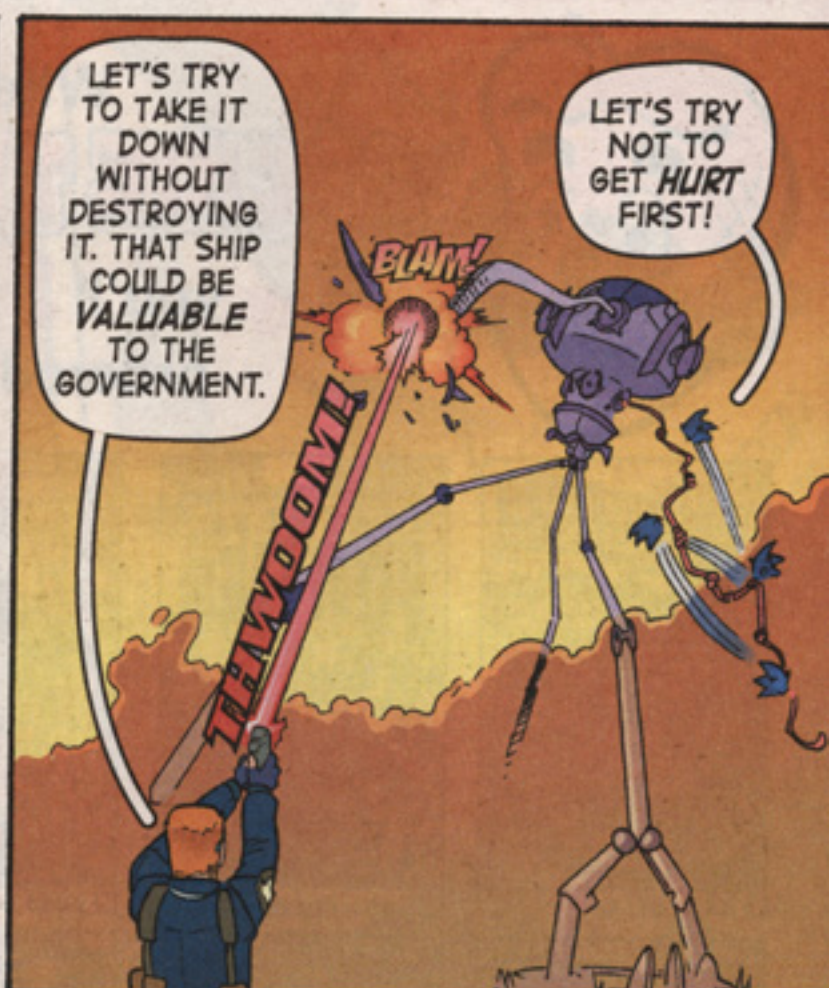
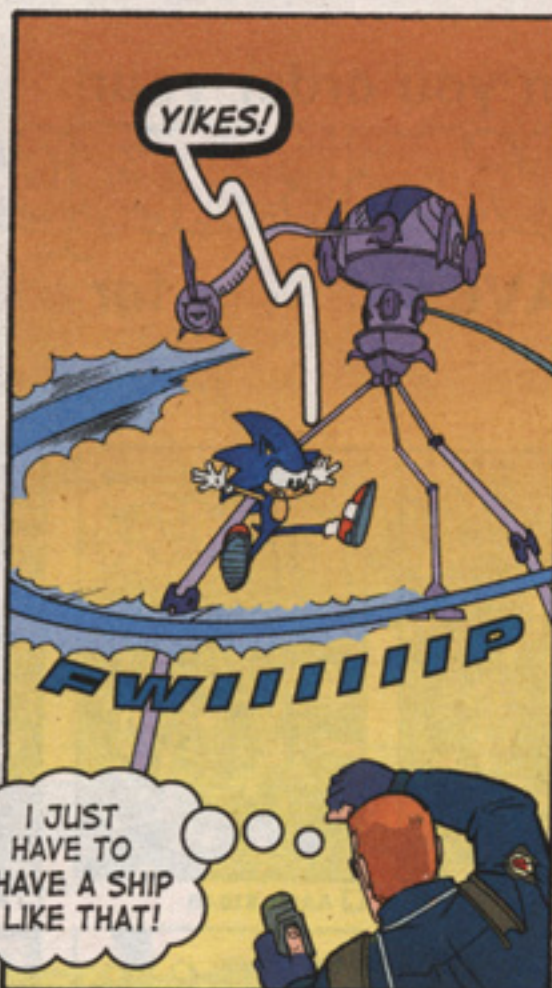
NOW *THIS*
IS WHY I
JOINED THE
GUARDIANS!

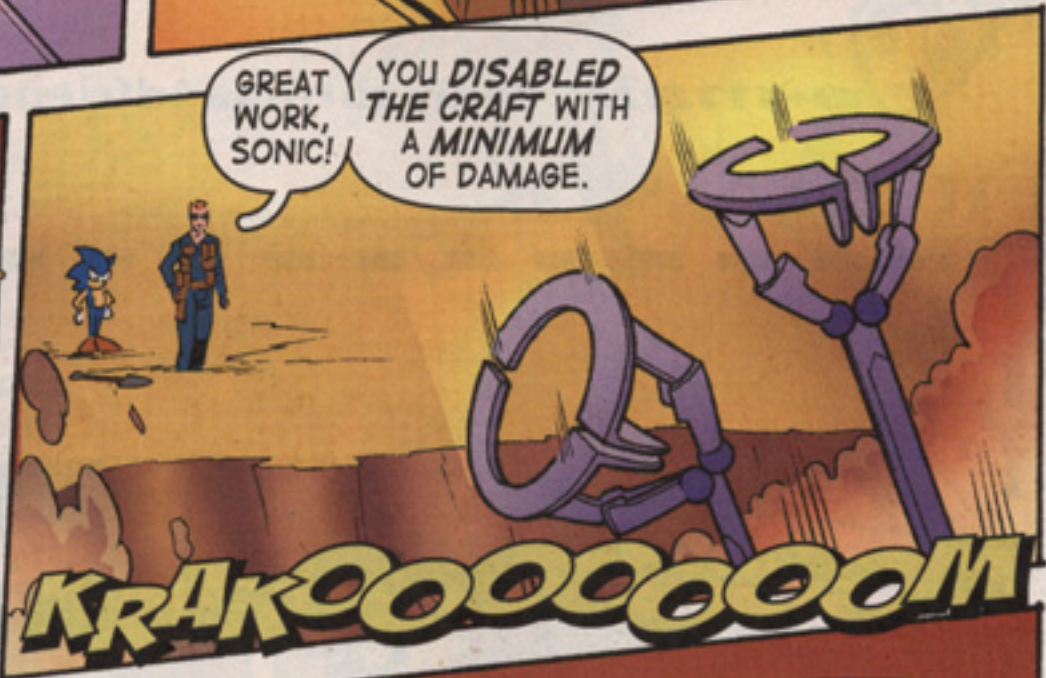
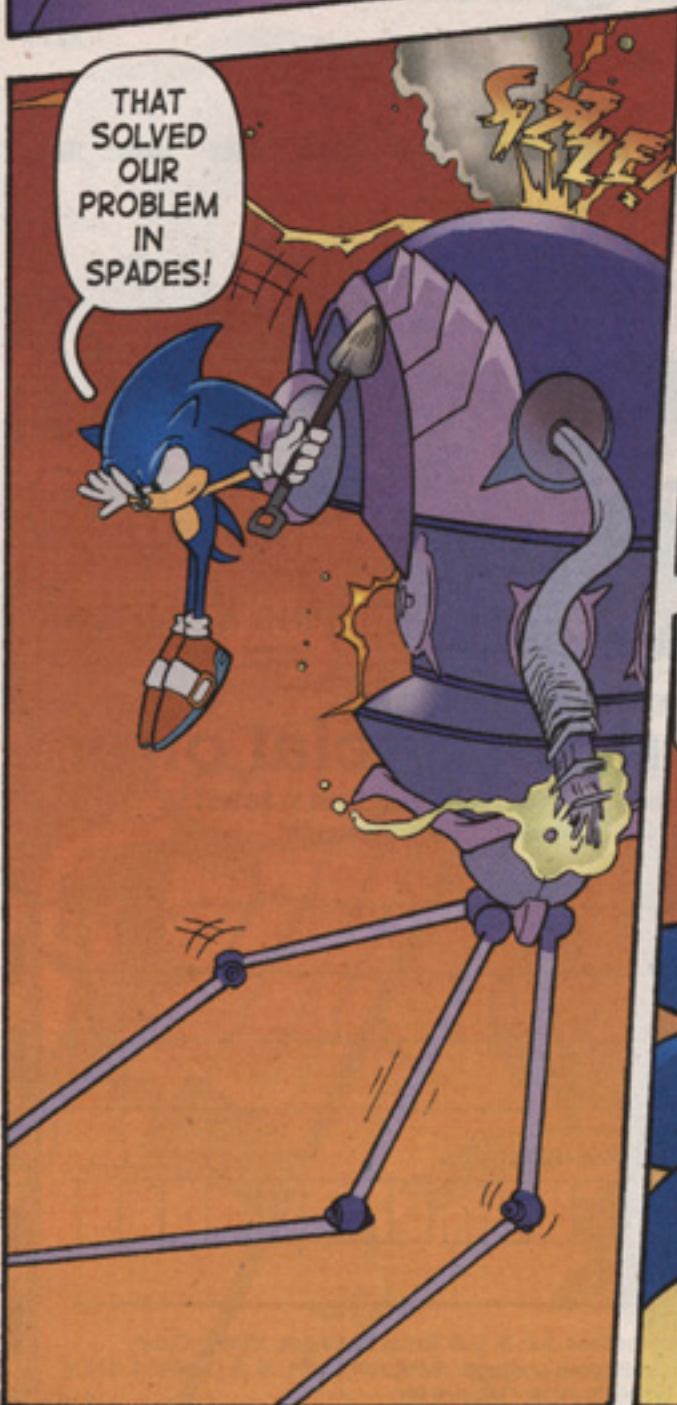


TAILS ISN'T
HERE AND I DON'T
HAVE ANY RINGS
WITH ME!

THIS IS
GONNA BE
TOUGH!







THAT
SOLVED
OUR
PROBLEM
IN
SPADES!

GREAT
WORK,
SONIC!

YOU *DISABLED*
THE CRAFT WITH
A MINIMUM
OF DAMAGE.

I'LL HAVE A SALVAGE TEAM
RECOVER THE SHIP FROM
THE HOLE AND TAKE IT TO
AREA 99 FOR STUDY.

I DON'T KNOW...
IT SEEMS PRETTY
DANGEROUS TO ME.

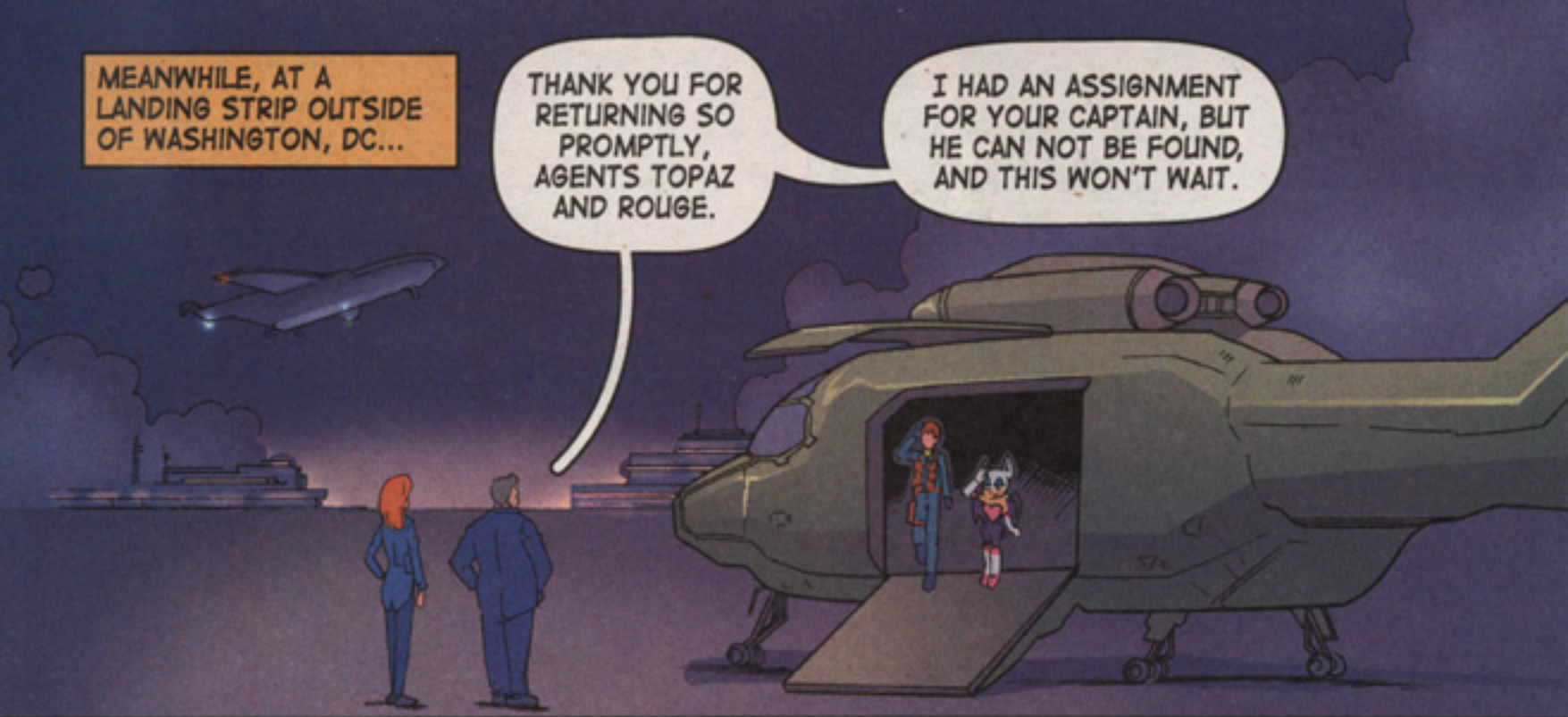
NONSENSE.
IT'S GOING TO
BE A *GREAT*
ASSET TO THE
GOVERNMENT
AND WE'LL BE
CONSIDERED
HEROES.



MEANWHILE, AT A
LANDING STRIP OUTSIDE
OF WASHINGTON, DC...

THANK YOU FOR
RETURNING SO
PROMPTLY,
AGENTS TOPAZ
AND ROUGE.

I HAD AN ASSIGNMENT
FOR YOUR CAPTAIN, BUT
HE CAN NOT BE FOUND,
AND THIS WON'T WAIT.



WE'VE RECEIVED
CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE
THAT **DR. EGGMAN**
HAS BEEN SPOTTED
IN PARIS.

I NEED YOU
TWO TO LEAVE
IMMEDIATELY AND
FIND OUT WHAT
HE IS UP TO.



YES,
SIR!

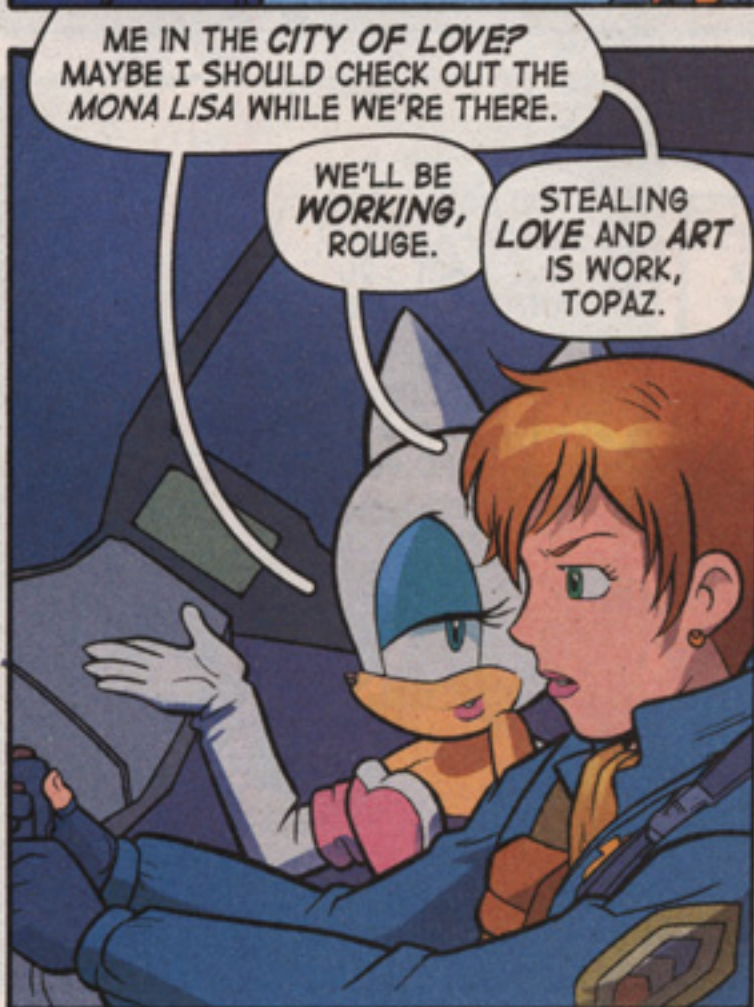
...
TOO MANY
PEOPLE HERE
...
CAN'T LEAVE
THE SHIP
...



ME IN THE *CITY OF LOVE*?
MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK OUT THE
MONA LISA WHILE WE'RE THERE.

WE'LL BE
WORKING,
ROUGE.

STEALING
LOVE AND ART
IS WORK,
TOPAZ.



...
PERHAPS
FOLLOWING
THESE TWO
WILL LEAD ME
TO THE ANSWER
OF WHO I AM
...



THAT EVENING, AT THE THORNDYKE MANSION...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!

AM I ON TIME?

SONIC!
YOU MADE IT!

I WOULDN'T LET
YOU DOWN,
BUDDY!

CHRIS, WE HAVE
SOME SPECIAL
GUESTS VIA
SATELLITE.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
SON!

WE'RE REALLY SORRY
WE COULDN'T BE
THERE TODAY, CHRIS...

...BUT WE HAVE A
SPECIAL PRESENT
FOR YOU. WE ARE
GOING TO FLY YOU
AND ALL YOUR
FRIENDS TO PARIS
FOR A SPECIAL
BIRTHDAY PARTY
AT THE WORLD'S
FAIR!

YAAAAAAY!

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